GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4058
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
FORCIBLY LANDING OF FRENCH BOEING AT IGIA
MOHAN RAWALE;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a French Boeing 747 aircraft was forced to land at Indira Gandhi International Airport in early hours of November 14, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted to the ways by which the said aircraft reached upto Delhi without any valid permission and without interception; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had granted permission to M/S Corsair, France to operate a ferry flight with B-747 aircraft, overflying India airspace on sector Paris-Kuala Lumpur-Paris. The flight was to enter Indian airspace on 10th November, 2000 and the permission to enter was valid upto 12 November. However, the said flight was delayed and entered Indian airspace on only 14th November, 2000. Since the validity of the permission had expired, and the flight was in a narrow corridor of ATS route surrounded by defence restricted areas, the aircraft was instructed to land at IGI Airport, Delhi. After landing, the operator approached DGCA`s office for a revised permission to operate on 14 November, 2000.The permission was granted and the flight operated as per the revised schedule.

(c) and (d): Since this was a delayed flight which proceeded further after grant of due permission, and necessary actions as applicable to international non-scheduled aircraft forced to land were taken, no further enquiry has been conducted in this regard.